

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

VIA : Deputy Director for Operations

FROM : Director of Technical Service

SUBJECT : Human Interaction and Assessment Laboratory

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1. In October 1971 our Behavioral Activities Branch sponsored the first Human Interaction and Assessment Laboratory. You may recall that [REDACTED] briefed you on the course last April, indicating that it was designed, through group interaction, to enhance the case officer's operational skills by teaching him more effective ways of communicating and increasing his understanding of the forces which influence human behavior, including his own. At the time, you indicated your approval of the activity, suggesting we run a number of these laboratories each year. To date, we have held six courses for approximately sixty students. Another course is scheduled for the week of 11 February for eleven students.

2. The course itself has been overwhelmingly praised by the students and representative samples of critiques are attached for your information. There is some question, however, among more senior levels within the DDO as to its value. The cost of the moderator for the program is less than \$18,000 per year which breaks down to approximately \$300 per student. In order to firm up our planning for the continuation of this course, the Deputy Director for Operations has suggested we seek an expression from the DCI to determine if this is an appropriate activity in which the Agency should engage.

Original Signed by
JOHN N. McMAHON

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Director

Office of Technical Service

cc: DDS&T

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Sample critiques

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